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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Intelligence Requirements of the Net Evaluation Subcommittee

The attached memorandum from the Director, Net Evaluation Subcommittee, is forwarded for review. We propose to place this matter on the agenda of the IAC meeting now scheduled for 24 June for discussion and appropriate action.

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Secretary

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
NET EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

12 June 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Intelligence Requirements of the NESC for
1958-59.

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to assist the intelligence community by setting forth at this time the requirements of the Net Evaluation Subcommittee for coordinated intelligence in carrying out its 1958-59 exercise.
2. I have been informed that NIE 11-4-58, Main Trends in Soviet Capabilities and Policies, 1958-63, will have approximately the same coverage of Soviet military capabilities as NIE 11-4-57. This estimate will provide the bulk of the intelligence support required.
3. In addition, the NESC will need for the conduct of this exercise certain other coordinated intelligence, some of which may be too specialized in interest or too specific for inclusion in NIE 11-4-58. It is my suggestion that such information could be made available, specifically for this exercise, by letter or memorandum. For maximum usefulness, this information should be available by 1 October 1958.
4. An outline of the specific coordinated intelligence required is attached.

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General, USMC
Director

Encl:
Outline of Specific
Coordinated Intelligence

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Outline of Specific Coordinated Intelligence

Required for NESC Exercise, 1958-59

A. Soviet nuclear delivery capabilities in mid-1962

1. Numbers of operational ICBM, IRBM, heavy bombers and tankers, medium bombers and tankers, naval and tactical aircraft, and guided missile submarines.
2. Performance data for above vehicles (i.e., range, loads, reliability, and accuracy for missiles; range, speed, loads, operational altitude, etc. for aircraft).

B. Soviet alert procedures in mid-1962 (i.e., reaction time of Soviet forces under varying conditions, particularly the alert status of the Long Range Air Force).

C. Soviet air defense in mid-1962

Note: NIE 11-57, Sino-Soviet Bloc Air Defense Capabilities, 1967-1962, was published 16 July 1957. A review and updating where appropriate of certain paragraphs in this estimate is required, specifically paragraphs 76-79, 83-86, 89-92, 99-101. In addition, an updating of information regarding the following is desired:

1. Organization, procedures, coverage of Soviet air defense.
2. Ranges and minimum and maximum altitudes of radars and weapons.
3. System reaction time.

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- D. U.S. warning capabilities in mid-1962, i. e., ability to detect:
1. A Soviet governmental decision to launch a surprise attack.
 2. Long Range Air Force preparations for an attack of 100 bombers and tankers. 200, 300, 400, 500.
 3. IRBM positioning and preparations for an attack of 50 missiles. 100, 200, 500.
 4. ICBM positioning and preparations for an attack of 100 missiles. 200, 300, 400, 500.
 5. Naval preparations for an attack on the U.S. by varying numbers of guided missile submarines.
 6. Ground force preparations for varying weights of attack.
 7. Air Defense preparations.